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THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (a) A memorandum drawing the attention of Government to the need for the formulation of a settled forest policy together with suggestions for undertaking legislative measures to achieve the purpose have been received.

(b) The matter is under the consideration of the Government.

SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR : In view of the importance of the contents of the memorandum that has been submitted by the Timber Producers' Association, Malabar, will the Government see that a decision is taken urgently and that the decisions are implemented so that the timber industry may flourish without affecting the afforestation of the estate?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : I may tell the hon. Member that the Government are not interested in causing any avoidable delay in the matter.

Local Library Authority, Coimbatore

* 2589 *Q.*—SRI P. G. MANICKAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(a) the amount allotted by the Government to Local Library Authority, Coimbatore district;

(b) the total amount of cess collected from municipalities and panchayat boards since the formation of the Local Library Authority in Coimbatore district;

(c) the amount spent so far and for what purpose; and

(d) whether there is any unspent balance, and if so, how much?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : (a) & (b) The amount of library cess collected in Coimbatore district since the formation of the Local Library Authority is as follows :—

Year.	*Cess collected.*
	RS.
1950–51	6,189
1951–52	36,669
1952–53	37,870
1953–54	74,612
1954–55	99,268

A contribution equal to the library cess collected was made to the Local Library Authority each year from State Funds.

(c) A sum of Rs. 1,85,362 was spent by the Local Library Authority during this period on establishing libraries and for spreading library service within its area.

(d) Yes, Sir. The unspent amount at the close of 1954–55, was Rs. 3,23,854 (rupees three lakhs, twenty-three thousand, eight hundred and fifty-four only) a considerable portion of which is likely to be spent during the current year.

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Sri P. G. MANICKAM: லைப்ரெரிகள் அநேகமாக நகரங்களில் தான் நடைபெறுகின்றன. கிராமங்களில் நடைபெறுவதில்லை. செஸ் கொடுத்துவரும் பஞ்சாயத்து போர்டுகள் ஒவ்வொன்றிலும் ஒவ்வொரு லைப்ராரியை ஆரம்பிப்பதற்கும், அதன் மூலம் கிராம மக்களுக்கு படிப்பு வசதியை அளிப்பதற்கும் கவர்ன்மெண்டார் முன்வருமா என்று அறிய விரும்புகிறேன்.

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM: முதலிலே தாலூகாவுக்கு ஒரு லைப்ரரி வைத்துக்கொண்டு வருகிறோம். அது பூர்த்தியான பிறகு அதை மத்தியஸ்தானமாக வைத்துக்கொண்டு கிராமங்களுக்கும் வாகனங்கள் மூலம் புஸ்தகங்களை எடுத்துச் சென்று வழங்க ஏற்பாடு செய்கிறோம்.

Sri S. C. VIRUPAKSHIAH: May I know how many taluk headquarters in Coimbatore district have had the benefit of the Local Library Authorities and if some are not having them, will the Government take steps to open them there?

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM: We have already opened eight branch local libraries in Tiruppur, Dharapuram, Erode, Pollachi, Gobichettipalayam, Udamalpet, Mettupalayam and Bhavani. Six other stations around the district central libraries also are under the consideration of the Local Library Authority. Steps will be taken, I am sure, for opening branch libraries in other areas also.

Sri B. K. NALLASAMI: New libraries are opened where there are already very good libraries working. Will the Government consider the desirability of amalgamating the present libraries with the libraries that are working well because the condition laid down by the Library Authorities is not suitable to the public for the purpose of getting books from the library as they demand the cost of the books from the public?

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM: The hon. Member may give notice of a separate question.

Dr. K. B. MENON: As far as I have information, there is no children's section attached to these libraries. Will the Government consider the question of having a children's section attached to these libraries?

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM: Let us first finish the job of organizing the adult section. Then, we can take up the children's section.

Sri T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR: Are the Government aware that most of the good libraries are not in a position to get grant-in-aid from the Central Library Authority on the ground that the conditions imposed for eligibility are very harsh and in most cases impossible of fulfilment? In this light, will the Government see that without giving room for misappropriation these rules are so liberalized that these good libraries may be enabled to get grant-in-aid?

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM: We are just starting these libraries. I think that before we think of revising the rules, we

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should have the experience of working these libraries at least for a year or two. Then, perhaps we may take up the question of revising the rules.

Shoe-making industry

* 2590 *Q.*—SRI S. RAMALINGAM (on behalf of Sri K. P. Gopalan) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there is any scheme under proposal to help the shoe-making industry in this State; and

(*b*) if so, the details thereof?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (*a*) & (*b*) The Government sanctioned in March 1955, the establishment of two Footwear Centres—one at Perambur and the other at Palghat at a total estimated cost of Rs. 1,47,242 Non-recurring and rupees 2,68,976 Recurring. Establishment of two Departmental Units for the manufacture of leather utility articles such as chappals, belts, etc., has also been sanctioned one for the Periyar Project area and the other for the Lower Bhavani Project area. The estimated cost for each unit is Rs. 9,245 Non-recurring and Rs. 92,875 Recurring excluding staff.

Schemes for helping shoe-making industry have also been incorporated in the Draft Second Five-Year Plan, a copy of which has already been furnished to all Members of the Legislature.

SRI S. R. ARUMUGAM : பஞ்ச நிவாரணத்திற்காக கோயம்புத்தூர் ஜில்லாவில் இந்த மாதிரி செருப்பு செய்தல், பூட்ஸ் செய்தல் முதலிய தொழில்களை ஏற்படுத்தினார்கள். பின்பு சரியானபடி வேலை செய்யாததால் மூடப்பட்டன. ஒதுக்கப்பட்டுள்ள பணம் இந்த ஸ்தாபனங்களுக்குச் செலவழிக்கப்படும்படியான நிலைமை இருக்கிறதா ?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : அந்த ஸ்தாபனங்களின் நிலைமை இப்போது எவ்வாறு இருக்கிறதென்பது தெரியாது. அதைப்பற்றித் தனிக் கேள்வி கேட்கவேண்டும்.

SRI S. RAMALINGAM : அதிகமாக தோல் பதனிடப்படும் திருச்சி, திண்டுக்கல் முதலிய நகரங்களில் இதுமாதிரியான உதவி ஸ்தாபனங்களை ஏற்படுத்துவதற்கு சர்க்கார் முன்வருவார்களா ?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : ஒவ்வொரு தொழிலுக்கும் உதவுவதற்காக, எந்த எந்த ஸ்தலங்களில் எந்த எந்த தொழில்களை ஏற்படுத்தலாம் என்பதை பரிசீலனை செய்துதான் சிற்சில இடங்கள் நிர்ணயிக்கப்பட்டு வருகின்றன.

8·40 a.m. SRI V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR : The Hon. Minister was pleased to state a certain figure as the amount sanctioned for the Palghat centre. May I know how much has been spent out of it?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : I would like to have notice.